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## COLLEGE COMMENCEMENT.

## Closing Exercises at Hardin College.

## ANOTHER SUCCESSFUL YEAR NUMBERED WITH THE PAST.

The Pride of Our People is the "Vassar of the West."—Baccalaureate Services, Etc.

Commencement week for Hardin College is always a gala week for Mexico. The city is filled with visitors, who, with all of Mexico, are interested in the success of the "Vassar of the West" and her pupils, teachers and alumni. The exercises this year have been viewed with even a more critical eye than usual as it is the first commencement of our new president. The most critical can see nothing to find fault with but many things worthy of praise and every thing demanding approval.

The examinations, as shown by the following report of the committee, were most excellent, surpassing the expectations of the most ambitious friends of the new management, which is now identified with every interest of the college:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON EXAMINATIONS.  
The week just past was one of deep interest to the people of Mexico. Not only because of the interest felt in the well-being and success of our own daughters, whose future lives are moulded and fashioned in a great degree by the training and education they receive at college, but also because of the wide spread influence for good and evil to be exerted by the many young ladies who go out from this institution to various parts of this and other states to assist in moulding society for future generations, and because of the strong desire we have for the success of Hardin College, one of the grandest educational institutions of this state.

Throughout the entire examination, from Tuesday till Friday, in all the departments of the college, the young ladies manifested their industry, their progress and proficiency in all the subjects upon which they were examined to a high degree; and the friends and visitors present speak in the highest terms of their accomplishments.

They displayed commendable courage and self confidence in their ability to discuss successfully the intricate points brought out in their examinations without any material manifestations of embarrassment or confusion, and gave ample proof of their knowledge of the subjects under consideration. This examination, which was so searching, so thorough and impartial, is sufficient evidence of the efficiency and ability of President Yancy and his teachers to impart to young ladies such knowledge and training as will best qualify them for future life, and should be a sufficient guarantee to parents and guardians that their daughters and wards will receive proper training and instruction at Hardin College.

May 31, 1886. Committee.  
The examinations were much above the usual run of such exercises. To say they were creditable does not cover the ground at all. They were most excellent and the beauty of the result is that the girls were not stunted for the occasion. They stood on their merits as scholars and were not found wanting.

**BACCALAUREATE SERVICES.**  
The baccalaureate sermon by Rev. J. B. Fuller, of Sedalia, opened the closing exercises of the college. The discourse was one of the finest ever made from any pulpit, and for us to attempt a synopsis of the same would not only be presumptuous but do the reverend gentlemen great injustice.

His words to the young ladies who were candidates for a baccalaureate, his references to their relations with the faculty, the people of Mexico and their alma mater were very eloquent and touching. The house of worship was crowded to overflowing, many not getting inside of doors. The words spoken on this occasion will live long in the hearts of the graduates. The music was beautiful, impressive and appropriate.

**ELOCUTION CONTEST.**  
Monday night the chapel at the college was packed to hear the contest in elocution. The first prize was a gold medal, given by President Yancy; second prize, a handsome book, given by Mexico Ledger. The judges were Rev. Fuller, H. Easter and S. B. Cook. Following were the contestants:  
"The Widow's Light," Miss Emma Moore.  
"The Old Soldier's Story," Miss Ida West.  
"The Young Gray Head," Miss Maggie Cleaver.  
"Mrs. McWilliams and the Lightning," Miss Annie Jaudon.  
"We Two," Miss Eunice Whiting.  
"Battle of Irvy," Miss Willie Stewart.  
"The Diver," Miss Sadie Pollock.

The exercises were interspersed with most excellent instrumental music, under the control of Prof. Dann, one of the best music teachers in the west.

Each one of the young ladies did most excellently, showing clearly that they were pupils of Miss Blaylock, who is one of the best teachers of elocution anywhere. The judges awarded the first prize to Miss Pollock. The audience thought of a few neat and touching remarks, which were well received by his hearers.

**TUESDAY NIGHT.**  
On Tuesday night a crowded house was delighted with the following programme:  
PART I.  
1. Chorus—Mountain Mimes.—Offenbach.  
2. Piano Quartet—Le Petit Carnaval.  
3. Vocal Solo—Silver Bells.—Byrne.  
4. Vocal Solo—Katie's Lullaby.—Hinsley.  
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3. Vocal Solo—When Gentle Winds.—Schumann.  
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**THE GRADUATES.**  
To night the college will be crowded to overflowing to enjoy the essays of the graduates. The programme is as follows:  
"Seniors in and Out of the School Room," Miss Annie Crawford.  
"Character," Miss Pink Edmondson.  
"Woman in a Political Life," Miss Annie French.  
"Simon Says Thumbs Up," Miss Gamble.  
"The Power of Aggregation," Miss Guthrie.  
"The Bad, the Flower and the Fruit," Miss Harned.  
"A Dream," Miss Hubbard.  
"Worship," Miss Hubbard.  
"Light," Miss Kerman.  
"Birds of Ill Omen," Miss Kramer.  
"High Ways and By Ways," Miss Nichols.  
"Blue Beards of Society," Miss Ross.  
"What Hast Thou Laid up for Me, Old Time," Miss Sprout.  
"Deliver of diplomas."  
Address to graduates, Rev. M. E. Broadbent.

**ALUMNAE.**  
Friday night the alumnae have their annual meeting, which will be the crowning feature of the commencement exercises.  
The receptions at the college have all been most pleasant. Mrs. Yancy, assisted by the teachers, know how to entertain in a royal manner, and all who visited the college were made to feel at home and departed pleased with what they saw and heard and with the cordial treatment received.

**HARDIN COLLEGE.**  
Is the pride of Mexico.  
Is justly proud of her alumnae.  
Is complete in every department.  
Is well advertised by home papers.  
Occupies the prettiest site in Mexico.  
Has the brightest of prospects for next year.  
Graduates a fine class in numbers and quality.  
Can't be surpassed for brilliant commencements.  
Brings thousands of dollars to Mexico every year.  
Should put in water and have an electric light in the campus.  
Will have the most magnificent buildings in the state when the new chapel is erected.

**NOTES.**  
All did well.  
More prizes should be offered.  
All were delighted with the examinations.  
A large number of visitors were present.  
The art department was the center of attraction.  
A reporters' table should be placed in the college.  
The calisthenic exercises were very much admired.  
The chapel might have been made a bower of flowers.  
The campus is kept neat. A fountain should be put in.  
The college will open with a renewed boom this fall.  
The weather was bad but the crowds were not kept away.  
A cut of Hardin Park as prepared by the Ledger will appear in Hardin College catalogues.

**VISITORS OF HARDIN COLLEGE.**  
Rev. J. B. Fuller, of Sedalia.  
Mrs. Wallace Rogers, Fort Scott, Kansas.  
Mrs. Geo. Harned, Vermont, Mo.  
Mrs. W. D. Merrill, Louisiana, Mo.  
Miss Mary Lewis, Appletton City, Mo.  
Miss Annie Egger, Appletton City, Mo.  
Miss Hattie Carter, No. 10, Mo.  
Miss Lena Kunkel, Worcester, Mo.  
Miss Mary Lewis, Miami, Mo.  
Miss Minnie McDaniel, Miami, Mo.  
Capt. A. E. Asbury, Higginsville, Mo.  
Mr. and Mrs. C. Rogers, Fort Scott, Kan.  
Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Hubbard, Saling, Mo.  
Mrs. J. F. Rucker, Sturgeon.

**THE WINDSOR TO BE RE-OPENED.**  
Lee & Mitchell have just closed a big trade. About \$70,000 worth of property changed hands. Eld. Headington traded 160 acres of land for the Windsor Hotel. He traded the Windsor Hotel for the Palace Hotel at Fulton, and the Palace Hotel for Kansas City property. This leaves the Windsor Hotel the property of Dick Worrell, the prince of hotel keepers. He will refurnish it from top to bottom and run it as only Dick knows how to run a hotel. We hear that Life Norris will likely have the bar under his control. Life has a good reputation as a saloon man and will bring the Windsor bar to the front. Worrell and Norris will make the Windsor property worth money. Each one knows his business and will run the same up to the handle on a liberal policy.

The Mexico Browns went over to Fulton last Monday and beat the Westminster College nine by a score of 12 to 7. It was the first game the Browns had played this season and was a very creditable victory. If the Union boys ever visit Mexico we are sure the spectators will accord them better treatment than the Browns received from some of the spectators at Fulton. As is usually the case they attribute their defeat to the umpire, but the Browns were too much for the "stewards."

You will save time, and money too, by having your wagons and carriages repaired and painted, at G. M. Haskell & Co.

Mr. Corner informs us there never was such a prospect for oats, wheat and corn—especially corn. If nothing happens corn will sell for less than 20 cents per bushel.

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Real estate business men of Kansas City, was in Mexico last week looking after his interests.

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## Clothing for Everybody.

We desire Parents, Guardians and the Boys to bear in mind that our Clothing is of superior manufacture, cut in the latest styles and made of the newest and most fashionable goods. Our efforts to please the pocket book of the purchaser never were so shown by OUR LOW DOWN PRICES existing at present.

## We cannot be Undersold.

Our Mens' and Youths' Wine, Brown and Black Worsteds Suits from \$10 up are cheap and elegant. Plain and Plaid Cassimeres are equally low. All these goods we have in frocks and sacks. In Boys' two and three piece Suits we have a great variety from \$2 up, in fancy and plain Cassimeres, handsomely made.

Don't forget to see our 50 cent and 75 cent Unlaundried Shirt. It will pay you to buy them from us as we can save you 25 cents on each shirt.

You can see every kind of Hat in Straw, Fur and Wool in our late purchases. Also carry the finest line of Trunks and Valises, for both ladies and gentlemen.

Come and See Us.

## Joe &amp; Vic Barth.

**IT IS A FACT THAT**  
The health of the city demands clean aligns.  
When birds won't sing they can be made to sing.  
The success of the Trades procession is assured.  
The new electric light is much better than the old.  
The fair will surprise even the most enthusiastic.  
The Ledger weather flags have been correct lately.  
Mexico should have a grand picnic Fourth of July.  
The fishing party last Saturday had a most delightful time.  
J. H. Hayden is in a good humor again. Settle is the man he should lick.  
P. M. Morris and Mrs. L. Arnal strong took the cake for large strawberries.  
An ordinance should be posted compelling property owners to cut the grass and weeds on the streets and alleys adjoining their property.  
The Select Knights A. O. U. W. drill contest at the fair will prove interesting. The Mexico legion will do its best to keep the prize of \$75 in Mexico.

If the Ledger was a daily the baccalaureate sermon and all the Hardin College exercises would have been reported in full, as we did the press meeting.

**Born Jan. 1st, 1886.**  
Three doors North of the post-office, Jefferson Street, Baker's Drug Store, where he is constantly adding to and replenishing his stock with the purest and freshest drugs that the market affords, also notions, toilet articles and perfumery in great variety, which are elegant and cheap. Give his stock a full inspection and it will pay you. The Doctor believes in old advice, "quick sales and small profits." Call and see him and be convinced.

A grand candidates' picnic will be given at Akridge's grove, near Ladonia, on Saturday, June 5. All the candidates and the public in general are invited. Good music, both brass and string, will be furnished. Sack, foot and wheelbarrow races, swinging, dancing and a good time generally will be had. A ball will be given in Ladonia at night.

Go to J. B. Miller's grocery store when you have cash to pay and see what a remarkable inducement it will be in the way of getting goods low down.

C. E. Keller, of the South side book store, has removed to Shelbyville, Ill., where he will go into the real estate business. Charley is a straight and reliable business man. We hate to see such men leave Mexico. Mr. and Mrs. Keller made many warm friends during their short stay in Mexico.

Miller's is the place to go for all kinds of groceries. Cash has its influence with Joe and he will load you down for a small amount of money.

Miss Leona Williams, one of Mexico's most proficient music scholars, graduates under Prof. Treloar in Fulton this week. Miss Leona has a bright future before her in the musical world, and we know of no one more worthy of success than she. The Ledger congratulates her.

I will not be undersold, when cash is paid, by any house west of St. Louis. Cash talks.

County Surveyor C. D. Rodgers and assistants, Willard Carroll, Joe Luckie and James Gass, have returned from the big survey in Callaway county. They had a very pleasant three weeks work, camping out all the time.

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## MARTINSBURG MUSINGS.

MARTINSBURG, June 2.—The Catholic picnic at this place will take place on June 15th instead of June 17th, as reported in my last communication.

Clarence Buell arrived home yesterday from Hot Springs. He is suffering from a severe attack of inflammatory rheumatism and was not benefited by his trip.

Wm. Paston, "a bad black man who carries a razor," filled up on tarantula juice a few days since, and in his effort to take in the town, was taken into custody by Marshal Torreyson and placed behind the bars of our city bastille. About 3 o'clock in the morning the "coon" wanted water, wanted it bad, and he turned his head into a battering ram and butted a hole into the gable end of the building and made his escape, then struck out for the woods, where it is earnestly hoped, he will stay.

At his residence last Monday afternoon, Father Harz united in marriage Mr. Joe Kennedy and Miss Annie Welsh, of near Ladonia.

Last Monday evening closed Mrs. Sarah E. Taylor's first year of her official career as postmistress. She has served successfully, satisfactorily and democratically.

At a meeting of the school board last Monday night, Mr. Burr Torreyson as principal and Miss Ada Overbaugh as assistant, were selected to conduct the next term of the Martinsburg public school.

Ed Stiles as jolly and jovial as ever, arrived from Columbia college Saturday and will summer at home.

Mr. Jno. Crigler, accompanied by his little daughter Bertie, left for Columbia Monday. They will return Saturday and bring with them Miss Alma who has been at college during the past term.

Tuesday morning at 3 o'clock the shrill alarm of fire was sounded throughout the quiet little village of Martinsburg, and people rushed to the doors of their windows only to see Torreyson's elevator enveloped in a wild, weird sheet of flame.

The building, upon discovery of the fire, was so far gone that no attempt was made to save it. The two elevators, Torreyson's and McGowan's, lie adjacent to and parallel with the Washburn track, about forty yards apart, Torreyson's being only thirty yards from the depot. Just behind the elevator was a large hay barn, the property of the Murray boys, which contained several tons of hay and a lot of machinery and farming implements. In front of the elevator was the railroad side-track, containing twenty empty freight cars. A gentle breeze blew from the Southeast but sufficient force to carry burning shingles to the roofs of both the depot and hay barn. By heroic efforts the depot was saved, although it caught fire several times. The fierce flames breathed their fiery breath across the hay roof and spread to and parallel with the Washburn track, about forty yards apart, Torreyson's being only thirty yards from the depot. 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